

warning about the growing threat facing the LGBTQ+ community here in the U.S.

Let us be clear: no one in this country should have to live in constant fear of being attacked for who they are or who they love.

No one should have to experience the unimaginable pain and suffering that so many in our community are now feeling in the wake of this senseless attack at Club Q.

Among those killed in the attack was Ashley Paugh, a 35 year old wife and mother of an 11 year old daughter. Ashley was not a member of the LGBTQ+ community but had driven to Colorado Springs to spend time with friends at the popular club and see a comedian who was performing there.

Raymond Vance was 22 years old and was visiting the club for the first time that evening with his longtime girlfriend and her family. Raymond, who had just gotten his first job and was excited to have received his first paycheck, was there to help his girlfriend and her family celebrate the birthday of a longtime friend.

Kelly Loving was a 40 year old transgender woman from Denver who had driven to Colorado Springs for the weekend.

Daniel Aston and Derrick Rump were both bartenders working at the club when the shooting occurred. Daniel, a 28 year old transgender man, had moved to Colorado Springs 2 years earlier to be closer to his mom and dad and started working at the club, which was just a few minutes from his parents' home.

Derrick, who friends say was always full of smiles, found more than just a job at Club Q, he had found a community that he loved and a place where he felt he truly belonged.

Daniel and Derrick were beloved members of the Club Q family, and together they helped create a space that felt safe for so many who visited there.

As we take time to honor the memory of those we lost, we also must honor the bravery and heroism of those whose actions likely prevented even more bloodshed that day.

Retired U.S. Army veteran, Richard Fierro, who was at the club with his family that evening to celebrate the birthday of a friend, and Thomas James, who was performing at the club when the shooting began, have been widely credited for their heroic actions to subdue the shooter and save countless lives.

We owe them and all those who responded to the scene that evening, including local law enforcement, first responders, and civilians, a tremendous debt of gratitude.

We wish all those who were injured in this attack a speedy recovery. And we send our deepest condolences to the families and friends of those who were lost in this horrific attack.

The hate-filled rhetoric that's fueling this rise in violent attacks against the LGBTQ+ community has no place in our society, and neither should the weapons of war being used to carry these awful attacks out.

At some point, we, as a society, have to come together and say, 'enough is enough.'

At some point, we have to realize that the toxic combination of hate and access to guns is resulting in deadly attacks across this country, and the time to end the hate-filled rhetoric that's demonizing the LGBTQ+ community is now.

Every single member of the LGBTQ+ community deserves to live their life openly without

fear of hate and violence. And every person in this country deserves to live a life free of the constant threat of gun violence that we face.

That's why, today, my colleagues and I are introducing a resolution condemning this attack and the growing wave of violence. I'm thankful to the House Equality Caucus, the House Gun Violence Prevention Task Force, and a number of organizations that helped us draft this resolution and who are joining us in pushing for its passage.

But, condemning these attacks is not enough. The time to act is now.

We need to get these assault weapons off our streets and ban the sale of these high-capacity magazines today.

Taking these steps will not bring back all those we have lost to gun violence, but it will save others from meeting the same violent fate. This is our resolve as we continue to fight for commonsense gun safety measures.

We send our heartfelt condolences to the loved ones of those we lost at Club Q. They will not be forgotten.

HONORING TOM CARLSON

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Mr. LONG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the former Mayor of Springfield, Missouri, Tom Carlson.

Tom Carlson was the longest serving mayor in Springfield history, holding the position from 1987 to 1993 and then again from 2001 to 2009. Before that, he served on City Council from 1983 to 1987 and again in 1997 to 2001. In 1989, he was named Distinguished Young Lawyer by the Missouri Bar and was listed in Who's Who in Practicing Attorneys.

Under Carlson's leadership, the city created a citizen-driven visioning process involving 300 citizens which formed a basis for all major policy decisions in the community. The city successfully passed 90 percent of its ballot issues, became involved with an inner-city revitalization project known as Jordan Valley Park, creating a \$100 million construction project which resulted in an indoor ice park, a new convention center, a new minor league baseball stadium, a 900-space parking deck, a \$3 million inner-city park and a \$25 million dollar arena.

Also under Carlson's leadership, the city formed a public-private partnership with the Chamber of Commerce which resulted in over \$200 million investment in an industrial park bringing new manufacturing jobs to Springfield. He sponsored a program that resulted in putting CDBG funds into a revolving loan program so that an annual \$1 million allocation grew to over \$40 million in revolving loan programs for low and moderate income individuals and inner-city revitalization. Once of his proudest accomplishments was the creation of The Mayor's Commission for Children.

Locally, he served on the Board of Governors for Missouri State University, the Springfield Branson Airport Board, the Community Foundation of the Ozarks. On a state and national level, he served on the boards of The Missouri Health and Educational Facilities Authority, the Missouri Municipal League and the National League of Cities.

In 2014, Carlson received the Springfieldian of the Year Award from the Springfield Chamber of Commerce, presented to "a citizen who has exemplified outstanding community service, excellence in his or her chosen profession and dedication to improving the quality of life for Springfield and its citizens," according to the Chamber's website.

Most recently, concerned with the dearth of any consistent in-depth public affairs reporting in Springfield, Carlson launched the Springfield Daily Citizen, a not-for-profit online newspaper dedicated to strong local journalism to improve civic engagement, to encourage more efficient government, and bring more accountability among local leaders. The new outlet whose mission is to be a "Catalyst for Good" has partnered with Missouri State University and MSU President Clif Smart noted that, "by partnering with them, we're investing in a community organization, ensuring progress and standing strong in the principles of our public affairs mission."

The vision of the Springfield Daily Citizen is to reinvent local news in Metro Springfield by telling the stories of our community, bringing issues to light, encouraging discourse and inspiring citizens to take action. Over 8,500 citizens are receiving its daily newsletter and The Daily Citizen has, in less than a year, gained over 1,500 subscribers.

Madam Speaker, Tom Carlson has served his community for decades. Even years after leaving the Mayor's Office, he continues to stay active in local politics, with a strong devotion to the Springfield community and surrounding area.

RECOGNIZING THE DEPARTURE OF THE HONORABLE DON HORSLEY FROM THE SAN MATEO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize my friend and colleague San Mateo County Board President Don Horsley as he departs the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors after 12 years in this phase of his service to the public. His is a remarkable career.

Don graduated with honors from San Francisco State University in 1969. He worked as a juvenile counselor with the San Mateo County Probation Department and as a classroom teacher in middle school. When he decided to become a police officer, one of his earliest jobs was in the City of Pacifica. He subsequently joined the San Mateo County Sheriffs Office and began his patrol work in what would eventually become the City of East Palo Alto.

While in the early phase of his career at the Sheriff's office, Don helped plan and oversee the construction of a new county correctional facility. The new building transformed incarceration in the county, featuring mental health and medical facilities onsite. In the jail, he promoted direct supervision, a practice in which deputies and correctional officers worked directly with detainees. Don's innovative work resulted in a substantial reduction in violence.

Don was elected Sheriff in 1993 in a hard-fought campaign against the status quo. After